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Re: Washington University Project

Gentlemen:

In December Dr. Paul Lacy made an informal report to me for the benefit of the industry and at that time called to my attention the fact that as of April 1, 1976, only two more years of committed funding will remain. You will recall that they have explained to us the need to stay at least two years ahead because they would need to allow two years to make other arrangements in the event our funding were to be terminated. He has therefore requested that we give him an answer by March 1, 1976, as to whether or not this grant will be continued beyond April 1, 1978, and if so, the term of the extension. I would appreciate being advised as to your feelings in this regard and what action you intend to take on or before March 1, but with a necessary deadline of Thursday, March 25, when both the Tobacco Institute Executive Committee and the Research Liaison Committee are to meet in Washington, D.C.

Along with his letter, copy of which I am enclosing, Dr. Lacy sent me an additional large stack of reprints of papers that were in press at the time the research volume was prepared as well as preprints of papers that have been accepted for publication since the site visit last May. Each of these publications expressly gives credit for the financing of the research to the

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participating companies in this project and the Tobacco Associates, Inc. These reprints are available here at our office but since they do not deal with the subject of smoking and health and would involve a monumental task to reproduce, I will simply hold them until someone calls for them.

I would like to direct your specific attention to Dr. Lacy's comments commencing with the last paragraph on Page 3 of his letter, and continuing through the last full paragraph on Page 4. It seems evident that we have an opportunity here to have the public informed as to the contribution made by the industry in the sponsorship of this grant and I think that each of you should consider and discuss in your companies ways and means to follow up on this.

If you have any questions regarding the Washington University matter, please advise.

Sincerely,



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